

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.)
JOHN L. BALL,)
Defendant.)
Criminal No. 06-30142-03-MJR

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The United States of America and the Defendant having both filed a written consent, appeared before me pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 and SDIL Rule 72.1(b)(2). The Defendant entered a plea of guilty to the sole charge in the Indictment. After cautioning and examining the Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, I determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary, and that the offense charged is supported by an independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of such offense. I therefore recommend that the plea of guilty be accepted, that a presentence investigation and report be prepared, and that the Defendant be adjudicated guilty and have sentence imposed accordingly.

DATED: March 23, 2007

s/ Clifford J. Proud
CLIFFORD J. PROUD
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE

Failure to file a written objection to this Report and Recommendation within ten (10) days from the date of its service shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking such Report and Recommendation before the assigned U.S. District Judge. 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(B).